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Regional News

Frontliners Workshop

by Madelyn Kempf, public affairs assistant, Flathead National Forest

"People serving people," a front-liners workshop designed especially for field-going recreation and resource personnel, was held on May 9-10 in Kalispell through the cooperative efforts of personnel on the Flathead NF, Lolo NF, and RO Information/Recreation personnel.

The objective was to stress the importance of high quality customer service by everyone on the Forest Service team and present effective techniques to improve both internal and external communications.

Facilitator Sandy Matheny added a spark of humor to the session and kept things running smoothly. Public affairs specialist John Denne, Flathead NF, presented an overview of Forest Service history and explained the founding concept of "service to the public;" recreation forester Roland Emataz from Region Six, stressed serving people Forest Service style—"people are best served with cans, not cannoths;" and John Drake, Region One Director of Recreation, Wilderness and Lands, shared his experiences with the Disney Corporation's concept of "every guest is a VIP."

The workshop included sessions on dealing with difficult people, positive thinking/self esteem, reading and explaining maps, optimizing existing facilities, and the National Park Service perspective on interpretive services.



Norm Kurtz (left), of Big Mountain Ski Area, and Joanne Speelman (right), *Daily Interlake*, Kalispell, talk with Dale Dufour, Regional Office public affairs specialist who coordinated this first frontliners workshop in Region One.



Mary Peterson, Flathead NF deputy forest supervisor, quoted Gifford Pinchot's 11 axioms on the best way to serve the public.

Editor's Note

Madelyn Kempf, Flathead NF public information assistant, was surprised during the workshop with a special "People Serving People" award for the continuous extra effort she extends in working with people, especially the external public.



Madelyn Kempf

Oldest Retiree Honored

by Deanna Riebe, editor

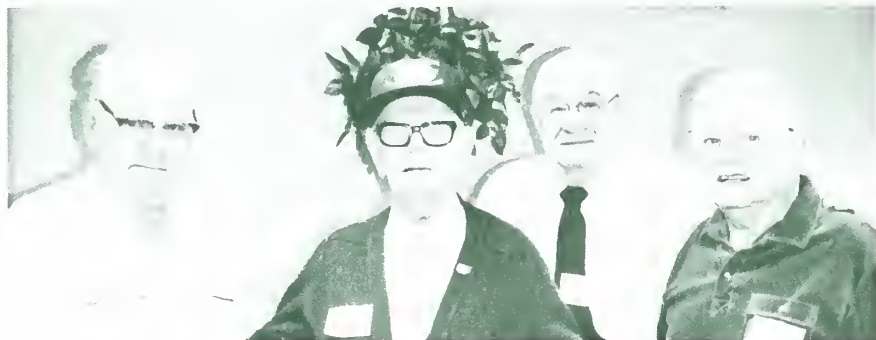
At 102 1/2 years young, Bill Grose was the center of attention at a special celebration in his honor June 15. Hillside Manor Nursing Home, where he resides with his wife, Besse, was filled with retirees, some of his former co-workers, family members, and friends. Bill obviously enjoyed the attention, the TV cameras, their bright lights, cake and ice cream, and all the fuss made over him. He stole the show with his good humor and wit. Co-workers said he's as witty now as he always was.

Bill was a master machinist, working at the Forest Service shop in Missoula from 1938 to



Bill Grose at 102 years old.

"The Forest Service was good to me, and I was good to the Forest Service."



Grose and his former co-workers at the Forest Service shop in Missoula. Left to right, Bill La-Voie, Bill Grose, George Harrsch, and Elmo Heffernan.

approximately 1950. Elmo Heffernan, one of his former co-workers said "Bill was one of the best lathe men we ever had." Grose learned his trade in England, where he was born.

Grose's son, Alfred Gross, and his wife, Helen, from Ellensburg, Washington, his granddaughter, Betsy Grose, from Long Island, New York, and Bessie's brother, Percy Fine, and his wife, Anita, attended the celebration.

The Northern Rocky Mountain Retirees Association presented him with an honorary life membership, and John Hughes, Deputy Regional Forester, gave him a certificate of appreciation, and a Northern Region belt buckle and hat.

Bill said in a television interview, "the Forest Service was good to me, and I was good to the Forest Service. The Forest Service is a good outfit."



Left: Gary Nelson, vice president of the retirees association presents Bill with an honorary life membership; and below: Deputy Regional Forester John Hughes gives Bill a Certificate of Appreciation for "many years of dedicated service as an outstanding master machinist..."



Loren Kujawa, contract specialist on the Kootenai NF, retired June 2 after 20 years of Federal service. He began working for the Kootenai NF in 1970 as a mobile equipment serviceman. In 1974 he accepted an assignment in the Supervisor's Office and was later promoted to the contracting specialist position he held until retirement.

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Northern Region's Firefighters at Work in Southwest Region

by Mary Zabinski, public affairs specialist, Southwestern Region

"E verybody's faces were smashed up against the Otter windows and everyone was crowing about 'when I jumped there' or how hard the wind was blowing in '19-such-and-such,'" said Wayne Williams. Wayne is one of 30 Northern Region

smokejumpers detailed to the Forest Service smokejumper base in Silver City, New Mexico, for the duration of Region Three's fire season.

Williams, manager of the Missoula Aerial Fire Depot's Smokejumper Visitor Center was among the first of three successive loads of jumpers and equipment transported in May and June by twin-engine Otter and truck to the Silver City base in the Gila NF. For Williams and many of the crew, the flight to Silver City marked a welcome return to familiar haunts. Until budget cuts and changes in fire management policy forced the Forest Service to phase out Silver City in 1985 as an active jump base, it served as a Missoula sub-base for 38 years. Missoula smokejumpers were routinely sent south for the Southwestern Region's fire season, which typically begins in early May and lasts until early July, when moisture from the Gulf of Mexico triggers the annual monsoons.

This year Region Three is suffering its severest fire season since 1977, with fire danger ranging from very

high to extreme throughout the Region. The crew of jumpers have already battled fires in New Mexico's Cibola, Gila, and Lincoln NF's, and on Bureau of Land Management and State of New Mexico land.

Between fire calls, the jumpers maintain their physical fitness, repair, maintain, and repack personnel and cargo parachutes, sharpen and balance crosscut saws, and rig up cargo for para-cargo drops. Although their Region Three detail draws them from their home bases of Missoula, West Yellowstone, and Grangeville for weeks on end, their return to the Gila NF is welcome. Williams cited Southwestern hospitality and challenging jumping conditions as two major attractions. "One of the great things about 'Silver' is that we've been gone since '85 but the town has really received us with open arms now that we're back—cashing our out-of-state checks and renting us bikes for a reasonable price so we can continue to work out. All the businesses have gone out of their way to make our stay pleasant and easy. It's as if we never left.

"For some of us, returning to the Gila NF was like returning to Mecca," he continued. "For a jumper, it's extremely challenging because of its high winds, altitude, and lack of jump spots. It really hones your parachuting skills."

He said he found it fitting that jumpers have returned to the Gila in 1989, which marks smokejumping's golden anniversary. In 1939, the Forest Service pioneered the science of parachute jumping in Missoula and in Winthrop, Washington, and the first actual fire jump was made in 1940 in Idaho's Nez Perce NF.



Dennis Lehfeldt, Missoula Aerial fire Depot (above) and (left), Bart Hoag, Grangeville Air Center (in foreground) and Mike Waldron prepare parachutes in between jumps.

Bitterroot National Forest

Volunteer Awarded



Patrick Shafer

P atrick Shafer has been awarded the 1,000-Hour Volunteer Service award by Forest Service Chief, F. Dale Robertson. Shafer has worked approximately 2,500 hours at Trapper Creek Job Corps Center. He has worked in the group living and arts and crafts departments, and in fire and camp crew programs. Shafer is a former enrollee at Trapper Creek and Anaconda Job Corp Centers where he received training in building maintenance and painting trades.

Danny On Award -- They Practice What They Preach

by Madelyn Kempf, public affairs assistant

Flathead NF supervisor Ed Brannon recently presented the 1989 Danny On Conservation Award to George Wilson, silviculturist on the Glacier View District, and Kari Gunderson and Joe Flood, Mission Mountains Wilderness rangers, during a special ceremony March 30.

Danny On was a silviculturist on the Flathead NF, as well as a conservationist and nature photographer. He died in a skiing accident January, 1979. This award is given in his honor because of the example he set, and the major contribution he made to improve land management on the Flathead NF.

Wilson, a well respected silviculturist and forester, received the employee award for his consistent wise use of natural resources throughout his 27-year Forest Service career. He has accomplished many soil and water conservation projects on the Glacier View District, and is well known for his dedication to the ideals of public service through his work with schools, neighboring land owners and the general public.

Gunderson and Flood received the private sector award for their commitment to conservation principles, ethics and wilderness legislation on the Flathead NF. Also known as the Gunderson/Flood Wilderness Partnership, they have contracted the wilderness ranger services in the Mission Mountain Wilderness for five years. These dedicated people not only exceed contract specifications, but volunteer many hours of their own time completing projects normally limited by budgetary constraints. They also present environmental education programs to school groups in the Swan Valley, the University of Montana, and to the Confederated Salish-Kootenai Tribe.

These three individuals have been added to the growing list of those who are committed to on-going resource conservation on the Forest.



Above: Flathead NF supervisor Ed Brannon and Glacier View District silviculturist George Wilson, who won the 1989 Danny On Conservation Awards for consistent wise use of natural resources on the Flathead NF.



Left: Mission Mountains Wilderness rangers receive the private sector award for their dedication to wilderness ethics. From left, Kari Gunderson, Flathead NF supervisor Ed Brannon, and Joe Flood.

Photos by Madelyn Kempf

Women's Group Awards Scholarship

by Jack DeGolia, public affairs officer

Celia Renee Pilgrim, of Dillon, is the first recipient of the Beaverhead Forest Women's Group's scholarship award. Pilgrim was presented with the \$200 award May 31, at the Beaverhead NF office in Dillon. The selecting committee cited her service and leadership activities as a National Honor Society award recipient, assistant editor of the school newspaper, member of the French Club, and of the Congressional Youth Leadership Council this year in Washington, D.C. She holds a 3.7 grade-point average. Pilgrim will be attending Western Montana College this fall.



Celia Renee Pilgrim, left, accepts scholarship award from Michelle Ryan, president of Beaverhead Forest Women's Group. Photo by Jack DeGolia.

The Beaverhead Forest Women's Group is composed of spouses and employees of the Beaverhead NF. In its first year, the organization has raised money for food for needy area families, set up a Christmas store for children featuring donated items children could buy for \$1 or less as gifts, and bought \$300 worth of books for the school libraries at local schools. They also sponsored a children's art festival in April. Money is raised through silent auctions, bake sales, and other events that raise donations from Forest Service employees in Dillon.

U of M Alumni Honored

Bob Morgan, Bob Milodragovich, and Gary Brown all received Forestry Honor Alumni awards from the University of Montana School of Forestry recently, for outstanding service to the forestry school, the profession and the public.

Morgan, former supervisor of the Bitterroot NF who died October 15, 1988, was honored posthumously. During his career, Morgan was honored for leadership in defending and enhancing the environment, and superior service in land management and civil rights. He was a leader in establishing the Scapegoat Wilderness.

Bob Milodragovich held staff positions on the Big Horn and Shoshone NFs, was supervisor of the San Juan NF in Colorado, was assistant director of fire control in the Washington Office, then returned to Montana to work in the Regional Information Office. He has been very active in guiding alumni affairs and establishing scholarships in the forestry school.

Gary Brown has been state forester for Montana since 1981. He is active in volunteer work and has chaired or served on the boards of several organizations.

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Photo Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Northern Region Photo Contest!! Two hundred slides were entered in this year's contest. They were judged by a panel of professional photographers headed by Michael S. Sample of Falcon Press Publishing company, author of the best selling book, *Montana on my Mind*. A total of 35 of these photos were selected for possible inclusion in a book on Montana National Forests being published by Falcon Press.

In the People at Work in National Forests category, John Patterson, Lolo NF, won both 1st and 2nd prizes; Byron Bonney, Clearwater NF, won 3rd prize.

For People at Play in National Forests, Katie R. Bump, Beaverhead NF, won 1st prize; Byron Bonney, 2nd; and Mark Engler, Gallatin NF, won 3rd prize.

In the National Forest Scenic Attractions category, Dale Dufour, RO, won 1st prize; Katie Bump, 2nd prize; and Darrell Kruzen, Beaverhead NF, 3rd prize.

For Resource Rehabilitation, Al Bratkovich, Kootenai NF, was 1st prize winner and Katie Bump, 2nd prize winner.

The Forest Service Interaction category found K. Wilkerson, Beaverhead NF, 1st place winner; Dave Tippetts, RO, 2nd; and Byron Bonney, 3rd place winner.

Winners of People Enjoying Wildlife were Byron Bonney, 1st and 3rd, and Mark Engler, 2nd prize.

Besides possibly being displayed in the book on National Forests, these winning photos will be used in a traveling display, brochures, and a variety of other AV projects. A "thank you" to all who participated. And keep in mind as you take pictures this year, there will be another photo contest next year!

New Forest Supervisor

Van C. Elsbernd is the new supervisor of the Deerlodge NF. A native of Crosby, North Dakota, Elsbernd is a veteran of 17 years with the Forest Service. He earned an Associate of Science degree in forestry from North Dakota State University, and a forestry degree from the University of Montana. While going to school, Elsbernd worked summers on Elk City District, Nez Perce NF, and on the Little Missouri National Grasslands, Custer NF.



Van Elsbernd

Elsbernd then served as a range conservationist on the Little Missouri National Grasslands, Medora District, Custer NF and on Ashland District of the Custer NF. He served as district ranger on Prineville District, Ochoco NF and staff officer for range, wildlife and watershed for the White River NF, Glenwood Springs, Colorado. He has been NFS program coordinator for RPA in Washington, D.C. since 1986.

Beaverhead National Forest

Arbor Day in Wisdom

by Rebecca Kosanke, recreation technician

*"Dear Forest Service,
Thank you for giving us the trees. I will take very good care of my tree at the school and my one at home.*

Darrell, thank you for showing us how to tell how old a tree is. Thank you for showing us all the little communities that live in the dead trees.

Jeff, thank you for showing us how the larger animals eat and grow. Thank you for showing us where the animals get shelter. Thank you for showing us where the animals get their food.

Becky, thank you for showing us the games and telling us that if something was missing nothing could live.

Nancy, thank you for helping us plant the trees. Thank you for telling us about what you can make from trees."

Lori J. Wilke, 5th grade

This was one of the letters received by Wisdom Ranger District after an Arbor Day celebration at the local school this year with 42 children attending. An aspen was planted with a time capsule which contained all the student's names and "what they want to be when they grow up." Sixteen blue spruce were planted; each of the eight grades planted, named and became caretakers of two trees with the help of employees Nancy Hafer, Darrell Kruzen, Jeff Jones and Rebecca Kosanke. Then the students learned about tree aging, diseases and uses; wildlife's use of trees; and habitat and predator-prey relationships.

Personnel Actions

DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

FABER, BEV, training instructor, D6, promotion
HEANEY, ALICE, teacher, D6, promotion
KELLEY, EDWARD, civil eng tech, SO, reassignment
JOB, NORMA, student trainee, civil eng, SO
JOHNSON, KIM, promotion civil eng, SO
LITTLE, IRENE, coop ed student, SO, resignation
LAIRD, RONALD, SCSEP, D2, cash awards
LEPP, LOUIS, SCSEP, D2, cash awards
PARKER, JAMES, frstr, D4, promotion nte 1 year
POST, TRISTRAM, D3, student trainee range
SYLTE, TRACI, student trainee, civil eng, SO
SWALLING, ROY, D4, conv exc appt, frstr tech
WHITETREE, CORDELL, student trainee, teacher D6

FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST

ANDERBERG, CLARENCE, frstr tech, Glacier View Rd, award
BAIN, DONNA, computer spec, SO, promotion, National Help Desk, WO
BARTON, RALPH, acctg tech, Swan Lake RD, promot frstr tech SO Fire
EVANS, BETSY, info recep, Tally Lake RD, promot frstr tech Kootenai NF
GOSS, ROD, forestry student trainee coop ed appt, Glacier View RD
HILL, LIZ, coop ed appt, Hungry Horse RD
NEWMAN, JUDY, frstr tech, Spotted Bear RD, reassignment frstr,
Fire Trainee SO
ONDOV, DAVE, frstr, Swan Lake RD, reassignment Tally Lake RD
RICE, NOLA, procur clk, SO, promotion
ROBERSON, RUTH, frstr tech, Glacier View RD, promot Hungry Horse RD
SCHMITZ, MARABETH, b & a analyst, SO, retired
SMITH, KRISTIN, comp spec Bitterroot NF, promot comp prog anlyst SO
STARK, SUSAN, clk-typ, SO, promotion sup dist clk, Tahoe NF
STOUT, BERT, dist ranger, Spotted Bear RD, reassign Tally Lake
SUTTON, EARL, frstr, Beaverhead NF, reassign frstr Swan Lake RD
TARLTON, DEBRA, clk-typ, SO, promotion career-cond appt
TRECHSEL, HEIDI, forester, Lolo NF, promotion Hungry Horse RD

IDAHO PANHANDLE NATIONAL FORESTS

ANQUOE, TIM, student trainee (frstry), exc appt cond, St. Maries RD
ARRHENIUS, DWIGHT, cash award, St. Maries RD
BEMIS, JOANNE, fin asst, promotion, supv bdgt & acct analyst, SO
BERGEM, DENNIS, cash award, Fernan RD
BORNIGER, RANDY, frstry tech, Lolo NF, conv cond appt, frstry tech,
Avery RD
BRIGHT, DONALD, asst dist ranger Bridger-Teton NF, promot dist
ranger Fernan RD
BROWN, NELLIE, retirement, Priest Lake RD
CAROTHERS, ARTHUR, civ eng tech, Sandpoint RD, promot, supv civ
eng tech, Priest Lake RD
CLARK, HOWARD, frstry tech, reassignment, frstry tech, Sandpoint RD
COBB, JILL, hydrol, career cond appt, Priest Lake
DEVORE, RISA, frstry tech, reassign, lead frstry tech, Bonners Ferry RD
DORRIS, SPIRIT, student trainee compt sci, exc appt cond, Wallace RD
ELLIOT, LARRY, frstry tech, reassign, civil engr tech, Sandpoint RD
ELLSWORTH, TERRY, geologist, resigned, SO
FISCHER, FRED, contract spec, promotion, contract spec, SO
FISHER, BEATRICE, biol tech, retired, Nursery
FORSELL, ROBYN, pers asst, promotion, supv pers asst, SO
GARITONE, BRENDA, mail & file clk typ, promotion, clk typ, Wallace RD
GLEN, DAVE, frstry tech, promotion, frstry tech, Bonners Ferry RD
HALLISEY, MICHAEL, cash award, St. Maries RD
HANSEN, BARBARA, frstr, Boise NF, reassignment, frstr, Fernan RD
HARTMAN, LEE, payroll clk, promotion, payroll tech, SO
HOUGHTON, JANE, student trainee Indscp archt, exc appt cond, SO
JARRELL, TERRIE, student trainee civ eng, exc appt cond, St. Maries RD
KEITH, NORMANDY, civ eng tech, Tongass NF, reassign, Priest Lake RD
KINCHELOE, JULIE, frstr, reins-career, Fernan RD
LARSON, GERALD, cash award, St. Maries RD
LEISER, VERNON, civil engr tech, resigned, Priest Lake RD
LORENZ, FORREST, cash award, St. Maries RD
MACDONALD, LAURENE, pers clk, promotion, pers asst, SO
MARLEY, ALLAN, frstry tech, reassignment, frstry tech, Sandpoint RD
MCCARTHY, GERALD, SCSEP, exc appt temp, Sandpoint
MEHAFFIE, NANCY, frstr, promotion, frstr, Avery RD
MELTON, GAIL, clk typ, Fernan RD, promotion, info recep, Fernan RD
MILLER, GERALD, cash award, St. Maries RD
MINGAY, BRADLEY, cash award, Priest Lake RD
MONCADA, JESUS, student train civ eng, exc appt cond, Sandpoint RD
MONTGOMERY, BARBARA, frstry tech, promot, frstry tech, St. Maries RD
MOORE, MARSHA, student trainee frstry, exc appt cond, Sandpoint RD
MOTTERN, BERTALEE, pers clk, promotion, pers asst, SO
MYHRE, LYNETTE, frstr, promotion, frstr, Avery RD
NIPP, IRENE, clk typ, promotion, supv fin asst, Wallace RD
NOONEY, KAREN, student train frstr, conv exc appt cond, St. Maries RD
NORLANDER, BETTY, biol tech, reassignment, biol tech, Nursery

ODELL, LAURA, acct tech, resigned, Fernan RD
PERRY, ROBERT, frstry tech, reassignment, frstry tech, Sandpoint RD
RIES, BETSY, clk typ, promotion, info recep, Nursery
ROSENBERG, THOMAS, frstry tech, promotion, frstry tech, Sandpoint RD
SHANAHAN, KELLY, hydrol, exc appt cond, Bonners Ferry RD
SCHROEDER, ROBERT, SCSEP, exc appt temp, Sandpoint RD
SIEREN, GARY, dist ranger, Shawnee NF, reassign, St. Maries RD
SIMMONS, RUSSELL, SCSEP, exc appt temp, St. Maries RD
SMITH, DWIGHT, biol aid, promotion, biol tech, Nursery
STOCK, CHARLES, biol tech, Superior NF, reassignment, Wallace RD
STOCK, JOYCE, frstry tech, Superior NF, reassign frstr, Wallace RD
WADLEY, HAROLD, dist ranger, retired, St. Maries RD
WASHBURN, WARREN, SCSEP, exc appt temp, Bonners Ferry RD
WEBER, GARY, cash award, Priest Lake RD

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

ANDERSEN, TED, supvry frstr, Libby RD, reassign
BAIN, GEORGE, frstr, Cabinet RD, promotion
BLACKBURN, JOHN, frstry tech, Libby RD, temp prom
BRADFORD, DARRELL, frstry tech, SO, AFS, resign
BRUNDIN, LEE, civ eng tech, East Zone Engrg, spl act
BRUNDIN, LEE, civil engr tech, East Zone, reassign biol tech, Libby RD
CHERRY, SHERRIL, compr asst, SO, ES, promotion
CUMMINGS, CINDY, res clk typ, Three Rivers RD, conv to CC appt
ELMORE, GARY, frst tech, Libby RD, reassign, SO, AFS
ERLER, PAUL, frstr, Rexford RD, promotion, R-9, Heron-Manistee NF
FAIRMAN, LISA, bio tech, SO, RS, spl act
HAFlich, BRUCE, wldf bio, Cabinet RD, spl act
HAUGEN, JERRY, civ eng SO, PS, promot, opr res anal, R6, Winema NF
HAUGEN, JERRY, civil engr, SO, PS, spl act
HIGGINS, BRUCE, frstr, Three Rivers RD, promotion
HOWARD, CHARLIE, supvry frstr, Libby RD, reassign
HUBBARD, KATHLEEN, contr speclst, SO, AS, promotion
KERZMAN, NEAL, civ engr tech, East Zone, sus sup perf
KROEGER, LEWAYEN, mtrls engrg tech, SO, ES, spl act
LAFORD, RETA, frstr, Rexford RD, promotion
LAMPTON, LARRY, civ eng tech, East Zone Engrg, spl act
MCMAHON, MIKE, frstry tech, Fortine RD, spl act
PEDERSON, DARCY, frstr, Clearwater NF, reassign frstr, SO, PS
SUMMERFIELD, BOB, wldf bio, SO, RS, spl act
VOTAPKA, JENNY, supply clk, SO, AS, promotion, suprt srvc supvr
WHITEMAN, ALDEN, stu tr (archeo), SO, LMR, term
WORTH, CHRIS, appt, stu tr (frstr), Rexford RD

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

ANTONICH, PAT, career cond appt, procur clk, SO
BOYLES, RENEE C., coop ed appt, student trainee, (frstr), Ninemile RD
BROWN, KEVIN, frstr tech, Missoula RD, cash award
BURWASSER, JAMES A., frstr tech R6 Fremont NF, reassign Superior RD
CHAPMAN, BECKY, coop ed appt, student trainee, (bus mgt), B&F, SO
DALINE, GERALDINE K., surv tech, zone surv crew, cash award
DREISBACH, BRIAN, civ eng, SO, cash award
DUNAWAY, WALLACE, civ eng tech, Plains RD, cash award
FAIRBANKS, HUBERT, civ eng tech, Missoula RD, cash award
FELDBRUGGE, RICHARD J., promot frstr tech, Superior RD
FINNEMAN, COLLEEN, procur clk, SO, promot prog asst, AFD
FISHER, JACK, frstr, Missoula RD, qsi
HACKMAN, HARDEE, civ eng tech, Missoula RD, cash award
HARTKORN, MICHAEL B., civ eng tech, zone surv crew, cash award
HILLARD, DON, eng, Flathead NF, cash award
JACKMAN, JOHN, civ eng tech, Superior RD, cash award
JOHNSON, CAROLE, frstr tech, Superior RD, cash award
JOHNSON, KEITH T., surv tech, zone surv crew, cash award
JOHNSON, RAYMOND, drill rig op, SO, cash award
KOEPEKE, GLEN R., frstr tech, Nez Perce NF, reassign frstr, Superior RD
KOPPENOL, PATTTI, frstr, reassign frstr, Superior RD
KULLA, ANDREW W., frstr, Superior RD, promot range conserv, SO
LANGSTON, LIBBY, frstr tch, Missoula RD, cash award
MASON, RONALD R., promot frstr tech, Superior RD
MILLER, JOHN N., surv tech, zone surv crew, cash award
MITCHELL, MITCHELL, civ eng, SO, cash award
NORD, PAM, res clk, Seeley Lake RD, promot comp asst, R9, Green Mtn
NF, Manchester RD
ORR, ERNEST, drill rig op, SO, cash award
PETERSEN, NANCY, fin asst, Plains RD, cash award
POWER, GREG, frstr tech, Missoula RD, reassign frstr tech, R5, Tahoe
NF, Foresthill RD
ROBERTS, WARREN, frstr tech, Flathead NF, cash award
ROSMAN, CURTIS, civ eng, Plains RD, cash award
SCHMOYER, DALE, civ eng tech, Plains RD, cash award
SHEETS, KAREN C., reinstatement frstr tech, Plains/Tfalls RD
SISK, DAVID B., frstr tech, Seeley Lake RD, cash award
SOULE, IRA, frstr tech, Plains RD, cash award

News Briefs

Lawrence Jakub, Attorney-in-Charge for the Office of General Council (OGC) in Missoula, was recently appointed Regional Attorney for OGC's newly reorganized Denver Region, headquartered in Denver, Colorado. Jakub will oversee a 12-state area, including Forest Service Regions 1, 2, 3, and 4; he will report to the General Council in Washington, D.C. OGC provides legal services for all agencies of the USDA and serves as liaison with the Department of Justice and U.S. Attorney. Jakub served with the U.S. Army, Montana State Forestry Department, and Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation before coming to OGC. He's been with the Missoula office since 1973.

Melanie Goss, personnel management specialist for the Lolo NF, was recently selected as the Region's representative to the Service-wide Civil Rights Committee. The committee's role is to advise the Chief on civil rights issues that have service-wide implications. They will identify issues and recommend methods to assist in carrying out a more effective civil rights program. The committee is meant to serve both management and employees, and Melanie will provide that communication link.

The Interregional Wildlife Exhibit, sponsored by Regions 1, 4, 5 and 6, was a great hit at the 1989 Home and Recreation Dome Show held in early April in the Kibby Dome on the University of Idaho campus at Moscow. Personnel from the Wallowa-Whitman, Umatilla, Nez Perce and Clearwater NFs worked together to staff the booth. *Mary Bowman, public inform. assist., Clearwater NF*

Smokey Bear was invited as a guest celebrity to participate in the opening ceremonies of the State of Idaho Special Olympics held at the University of Idaho. Smokey, escorted by Dick Hodge, Palouse District Ranger, was the most popular celebrity in the program! *Mary Bowman, public inform. assist., Clearwater NF*

Personnel Actions, continued

STANOCH, CAROL J., dispatcher, Gallatin NF, promot frstr tech, SO dispatch
STEINBERG, DARRELL, civ eng tech, Missoula RD, cash award
STEWART, CATHERINE, frstr, Missoula RD, cash award
THOMPSON, DALE, frstr tech-forest check scaler, cash award and retirement from SO
WAVEREK, JOHN, supv frstr, Missoula RD, qual inc
WINEBRENNER, VIRGIL, frstr tech, Plains RD, cash award
WOODSON, DANIEL, frstr tech, Superior RD, cash award
ZIMMERMAN, ANNE J., frstr, Conecuh RD, Alabama, cash award

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL FOREST

BREGE, DALE, fish biol, Salmon River RD, career cond appt
DANIELS, DEBBIE, copier-dupl equip oper, SO, promotion
DUMAS, SHELLEY, info recep typ, Moose Creek RD, cash award
ECKFORD, DON, frstr tech, Salmon River RD, career cond appt
FLORA, GLORIA, frstr adm, Selway RD, cash award
HARDIN, IRIS, supv bdgt & acct analyst, SO, retirement
HOLT, DAVID, b&a offcr, SO, reassign, NE Forest Exp Station, Broomall, PA
KLAUDT, RONALD, contractg spec, SO, from Tongass NF, promotion
LANIGAN, STEVEN, fish biol, SO, transfer from US F&W
MCKENZIE, ELLEN, info asst, SO, cash award
SOLEM, STEPHEN, frstr adm, Clearwater RD, cash award
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Reserve a Campsite by Computer !!!

A new automated reservation system for Forest Service campgrounds and facilities is now in effect nationwide. The MISTIX Corporation, a subsidiary of Home Shopping Network, headquartered in San Diego, California, has been awarded a 5-year contract to implement a nationwide computerized reservation service for Forest Service campgrounds. A customer wanting to reserve a campsite simply dials a toll-free number (1-800-283-CAMP) and with the help of a trained reservation operator, reserves a site to suit his or her needs. Bookings, cancellations and payment are handled through the computer. A unique aspect of the system is its ability to "route" a camper to a next best campground within the system if the campground of choice is full. Most campgrounds will have a certain number of sites that are not on the MISTIX system, which will be available for drop-ins on a first-come, first-served basis.

The MISTIX system will bring a direct savings to the Forest Service, allowing us to better manage our recreation sites. And in the spirit of the National Recreation Strategy, we can now offer our customers the convenience of reserving campground sites and paying for them in advance by just dialing a toll-free number.

Did You Know ???

The RPA staff is interested in your opinions. Under RPA (the Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resources Planning Act of 1974) national direction for management of national forests and Forest Service activities is established, and a recommended Forest Service program is prepared every 5 years. This year employees at all levels are being asked to review and make comments directly to the Chief's office on the 1990 Draft RPA program, which includes the basic management philosophy, 15 current issues, and 5 alternative program strategies. This is a different approach than has been taken in the past. It reflects the importance of the opinions of our own employees. The ideas generated will be incorporated and could greatly improve the 1990 program. Employees will have 60 days to comment after the release of the draft on July 3rd. You will hear more about this soon!

In Memoriam

Ernest M. Gingerich, Forest Service retiree (1972) died June 1 in Missoula at the age of 72. Gingerich worked on a Sula District survey crew.

ROTC Pledges Do Spring Cleanup

by Mary Bowman, public information assistant

Thirteen ROTC (Reserve Officers Training Corps) pledges from the University of Idaho and Washington State University picked a rare sunny day in April to do spring maintenance work at Palouse Ranger District. They were all Forest Service volunteers for a day under the supervision of Fire Management Officer John Krebs. At the end of the day the fruits of their labor



Photo by John Krebs, Palouse Ranger District

were very evident. The driveway and parking area were swept, fallen needles and other debris raked and piled for burning, pruned material piled and burned, and the shop area cleaned. All of this volunteer labor fulfilled a class requirement for community service, the students seemed to have a good time, and the Forest Service received a job well done!

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